

# SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

7/17/03

# CONFERENCE REPORTS

#### SB 265 (Johnson)

#### Transportation budget

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 265 [RC 414: 29 yes, 2 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### SB 270 (Johnson)

### General Government budget

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 270 [RC 401: 33: yes, 1 no (Patterson)]. Immediate Effect was <u>not</u> given to the bill [RC 402: 19 yes, 14 no (Dems). Hammerstrom moved to reconsider the vote defeating Immediate Effect. The IE vote was reconsidered. IE was defeated a second time [no RC].

#### SB 575 (EMERSON)

The bill would revise the revenue sharing act to provide that for 2003-04 only, local units would receive 97% of what they received in 2002-03, and would be protected from further declines in revenue.

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 575 [RC 407: 30 yes, 2 no (Patterson, Toy)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

# MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

#### SB 289 (Birkholz)

Senate Bill 289 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department of Environmental Quality to prepare a statewide groundwater inventory and map, create an advisory council to study the sustainability of groundwater use, provide a funding source for related programs, register farms using more than 100,000 gallons a day, require the Department of Agriculture to estimate water use and consumption. House Bill 4087 would require the DEQ or the MDA to investigate and resolve groundwater withdrawal conflicts.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 289 [RC 403: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

- The vote passing SB 289 was reconsidered.
- Birkholz 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Breaks tie-bar to HB 4087.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 289, <u>as amended by the Senate</u> [RC 409: 30 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### **SB 314 (PRUSI)**

In 1982, the state conveyed property in Marquette County to the county. This bill would amend the deed of the conveyance so that Marquette County could sell it to a non-profit organization for the price of one dollar. There are restrictions in the agreement between the county and the organization stating that if the property is not used for the expressed purpose of the non-profit, it goes back to the state.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 314 [RC 408: 32 yes, 1 no (Bernero)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### **SB 365 (Cassis)**

The bill would require that the Center for Educational Performance and Information (customarily called "CEPI") collect all information from school districts and intermediate school districts that is required by state or federal law, and currently submitted to various state departments, officers, or agencies.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 365 [RC 407: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### SB 393 (Kuipers)

#### RAISE CAP ON CHARTER SCHOOLS (IN DETROIT ONLY)

The bill was changed in the House to allow for the creation of 15 additional charter schools in the city of Detroit. Also, there was no action taken to limit the ability of Bay Mills to charter additional schools.

• The Senate did not concur with the House changes to the bill [RC 415: 0 yes, 29 no].

#### SB 539 (Gilbert)

Senate Bill 539 deletes language that discusses phasing out certain inter-departmental grants and inserts explicit language providing that funds for the necessary expenses incurred by Dept. of State be paid out of the Transportation Administration Collection Fund. The bill would increase state-restricted transportation revenue available to the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF), the State Trunkline Fund (STF), county road commissions, and cities and villages.

Support: County Road Association of Michigan, Michigan Municipal League. Secretary of State.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 539 [RC 404: 32 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.
- The Senate reconsidered passage of SB 539.
- Sikkema 1 was adopted [no RC].
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 539, <u>as amended by the Senate</u> [RC 410: 31 yes, 0 no].

#### SB 540 (Johnson)

#### SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

- Patterson 1 was defeated [no RC].
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 540 [RC 412: 29 yes, 1 no (Patterson)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### SB 554 (Johnson)

SB 554 would increase, and/or redistribute a number of fees (i.e., driver license fees, vehicle title and registration service fees, and automobile dealer license fees) to help improve Michigan roads. The estimated revenue increase from these changes is \$66.2 million.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 554 [RC 405: 32 yes, 2 no (GOP)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### **SB 561 (LELAND)**

SB 561 would require that owners and operators of landfills pay fees to support the solid waste inspection program. The time frame on the program would be increased from 2 years to five years. A sunset in the bill would end the program on Oct 1, 2007.

- McManus 1 (4 amends) was withdrawn.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 554 [RC 411: 28 yes, 2 no (GOP)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### SB 567 (EMERSON)

SB 567 is part of the Executive recommendation and would change the sunsets on five DEQ programs to 2008, extending the fee revenue collected from those programs. This change will total \$2.1 million in savings.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 554 [RC 406: 34 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

# FINAL PASSAGE

#### SB 334 (SWITALSKI)

The bill would provide that money returned from the Michigan Transportation Fund for expenditure on the local street system could be spent without regard to the amount of local revenue spent, if the money were to be spent on preservation.

#### 7/16:

- *Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].*
- Switalski 1A was adopted [no RC].
- SB 334 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

#### 7/17:

• SB 334 passed [RC 413: 30 yes, 0 no].

# **RESOLUTIONS**

## **HCR 26 (Richardville)**

A concurrent resolution prescribing the legislative schedule. Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House of Representatives adjourns on Thursday, July 17, 2003, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, August 13, 2003, and when the House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, September 23, 2003; and be it further.

• HCR 26 was adopted [no RC].